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from a user, said selection being based on the received user-input information regarding the user's intended trip.

20. (Amended) A method for allocating one or more vehicles from a fleet of vehicles to one or more users, the method comprising:

providing at least one port terminal, each having a user interface for receiving vehicle requests from users;

receiving a request for a vehicle at one of said port terminals from one of said users, said request including user-input information;

communicating the user-input information to a central computer system;

selecting a vehicle from the fleet and allocating the vehicle to the request, said selection being based, at least in part, on the user-input information regarding the user's intended trip received at that port terminal.